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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell

SUBJECT :

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1. This project has been referred to the Comptroller for advice as to how best to obtain a release from the Agency Reserve for Contingencies prior to forwarding to you for formal approval of the withdrawal.

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2. The Comptroller seriously doubts whether this project meets the

of more immediate importance, the Bureau of the Budget probably will not regard the present requirement as an emergency justifying release from the Reserve. The fact that additional funds for this project are included in our estimated budget for Fiscal Year 1963 would, in the Comptroller's opinion, influence the Bureau to take the position that for Fiscal Year 1962 this project should be financed by reprogramming. However, if you feel that we can present a strong justification that this project is of emergency nature and of national interest, the Comptroller will, of course, join in making every effort to obtain the release.

3. Although I have not been asked to comment on either the project itself or the Administrative Plan attached, I feel that I should express my serious concern that the Administrative Plan has not been reviewed by the technical people ordinarily concerned with such matters. I refer particularly to the Comptroller and the General Counsel who I feel should certainly be consulted about a project of this type, no matter how sensitive. Although the Bureau of the Budget ordinarily does not concern itself with Administrative Plans as such, an Administrative Plan usually answers the precise questions which they are likely to raise in considering our request for a release.

4. I realize that the foregoing does not constitute finished staff work, but in view of the Director's prior approval in principle and the desire of Messrs. Bissell and [redacted] to get this before you as promptly as possible, I am forwarding the project with these comments.

cc: Compt COPS-DD/P
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